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REF FRANKFURT 6295 PASS TO RTC AND RSS

FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 211570 SENT BERLIN DATED SEPT 5.

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 211570

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AFSP, ASEC, ABLD

SUBJECT:ESTABLISHMENT OF RSO POSITION AND CONSTRUCTION

--- SURVEILLANCE

REF: (A) BERLIN 6268, (B) BERLIN 6301

1. WHILE RECOGNIZING THE LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS INHERENT IN ASSIGNMENT OF A NEW OFFICER, STRONGLY URGE THAT EMBASSY RECONSIDER ITS STAND ON ESTABLISHMENT OF RSO POSITION. GIVEN THE EXTENSIVE RENOVATIONS NOW IN PROGRESS AND THE WELL KNOWN TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES AND SOPHISTICATION OF EAST GERMAN INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY SERVICES, DEPARTMENT MUST EMPHASIZE ITS STRONG BELIEF THAT ASSIGNMENT AT  
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EARLY DATE OF A HIGHLY COMPETENT, EXPERIENCED AND

TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED RSO IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. BITTER LESSONS EXPERIENCED AT OTHER US EMBASSIES IN EASTERN EUROPE HAVE CLEARLY SHOWN THAT WE PAY HEAVILY OVER A PERIOD OF MANY YEARS WHEN WE FAIL TO ADEQUATELY OVERSEE NEW CONSTRUCTION.

2. RSO CANDIDATE WITH EXCELLENT QUALIFICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE FOR ASSIGNMENT TO EAST BERLIN. HE WOULD REQUIRE

ONLY MINIMAL OFFICE SPACE. RSO CANDIDATE AND FAMILY WILLING, IF REQUIRED, TO ACCEPT LONG-TERM TEMPORARY RESIDENCE IN HOTEL OR OTHER ACCOMMODATION. BUREAU IS ALSO HOPEFUL SOME SOLUTION TO BUS PROBLEM CAN BE ARRANGED. THIS WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE CABLE. EMBASSY IS WELL AWARE POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS PRECLUDE THE ASSIGNMENT OF THIS OFFICER TO WEST BERLIN.

3. HOPE THAT EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES FORWARDED ON AUGUST 25, 1975, REGISTRY NUMBER 2936311. THESE NOTES AND YOUR DISCUSSION WITH GDR AUTHORITIES WILL HOPEFULLY CLARIFY ISSUE OF ACCESS TO CONSTRUCTION SITES. FYI: DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH GDR AUTHORITIES ON ESTABLISHING EMBASSY, IT WAS CLEARLY AGREED THAT EMBASSY PERSONNEL WOULD HAVE FREE ACCESS TO CHANCERY AND RESIDENCE SITES SUBJECT TO ADVANCE NOTIFICATION

4. WITH REGARD TO INSPECTION OF CONSTRUCTION, DEPARTMENT DESIRES THAT EMBASSY STAFF MAKE PERIODIC VISITS TO WORK SITE ON AT LEAST WEEKLY BASIS. BUREAU AND FBO WOULD, MOREOVER, APPRECIATE WRITTEN MONTHLY REPORT WHICH DESCRIBES PROGRESS ON RESIDENCE AND CHANCERY AND HIGHLIGHTS ANY OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS.

5. WE HOPE THAT EMBASSY CAN FIND ITS WAY CLEAR TO APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RSO POSITION AND EARLY ARRIVAL OF THIS OFFICER IN EAST BERLIN. AN EARLY RESPONSE WOULD BE APPRECIATED. ROBINSON UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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